
FINDING AND RECOMMENDATION(S)

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Finding:

It may become necessary for the States of California and Nevada to provide supplemental funding to the TRPA for the current fiscal period to meet additional obligations imposed upon it if the Commission's various recommendations are implemented by the Governors.

Background and Supporting Evidence:

There will be additional duties and responsibilities imposed upon the TRPA if many of the recommendations of the California Nevada Tahoe Basin Fire Commission are adopted by the Governors of California and Nevada. These additional duties will relate to forest fuels programs, coordination efforts with fire agencies and other entities in matters relating to fire prevention, and other tasks that may have to be undertaken in the current budgetary cycle in order for the TRPA to respond to the recommendations. The expenses of these additional duties were could not have been anticipated when the TRPA's budget for the current fiscal year was approved and funded by the two States. Therefore, it may be necessary for the Commission to recommend supplemental funding of the TRPA for the current fiscal year on an emergency basis in order to get some of the Commission's recommendations moving forward if implemented by the respective Governors.

Recommendations :

- 1 **It is therefore recommended that the Governors of the States of Nevada and California request the TRPA to submit a supplemental budget request as quickly as possible addressing the potential additional budgetary needs of the TRPA to comply with any recommendations of the Commission that may be adopted by the Governors so that the Governors and their respective States can commence the funding process necessary to address any reasonable increased budget request of the TRPA for the current funding cycle.**
- 2 **It is further recommended that the States of California and Nevada provide reasonable supplemental funding to the TRPA for the purposes set forth in this Finding and Recommendation.**

Impacts of Implementation: *(The implementation of any Recommendation is likely to have specific impacts. Consider potential consequences related to each of the following areas):*

Analysis of impacts on the following factors is REQUIRED (Best Estimate):

- ☐ Cost / The costs of this F&R are not available at this time, and will depend upon the recommendations ultimately made by the Commission, and the decisions of the respective Governors with regard to the recommendations.
- ☐ Funding source / Nevada and California
- ☐ Staffing/ NA
- ☐ Existing regulations and/or laws /NA
- ☐

Analysis of impacts on the following factors is OPTIONAL:

- ☐ Operational
- ☐ Social
- ☐ Political
- ☐ Policy
- ☐ Health and Safety
- ☐ Environmental
- ☐ Interagency

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